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LOVELL'S SURVEY OF OPC/R&D, Feb 1951 Interview with Stanley P. Lovell in Boston, 21 June 66, SECRET

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Asked about his survey of OPC/R&D,3 Feb 51 and previously carded, Lovell recalls he was vacationing in Florida and returned to WSashington spending 10 days with OPC. Among other things, he called in for talks each member of OPC/R&D. Very few, he said, knew the mission of R&D or what their specific jobs were. The thought in his mind while writing his survey, was the hope it might bring together in one organization, OAD/OSO and R&D/OPC, under a strong manager with lots of imagination, and staffed by technical and scientific people. Later, he received a complementary letr fr Bedell Smith and assumes latter read his survey.

Recalls a meeting with Gen. Vandenberg, then DCI circa Feb 47, at which time Vandemberg offered Lovell job of heading up R&D for three year tour. While tempted, Lovell says he declined when he learned that Vandenberg was leaving CIG in a couple of months.

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So much of R&D is already well documented, interview confined to gaps and summarized as follows: R&D peak budget was \$ Its efferts confined to unorthodox weapons, documentation, conceal-25X1 ment, agent effects and clothing, subsequently developments in BW-CW and lots of dirty-tricks ideas for operators. There were neither requirements or thoughts of developing collection typs of devices. The spy camera was developed by Field Photo Branch. No audio devices were developed although Lovell recalls discussion as to whether it should be used by Security to check on questionable employees. No offensive use of audio as far as he recalls. R&D requirements were a combination of ideas dreamed up by R&D and NDRC people plus expressions of needs fr field. Lovell met with underground of France, Borway, Danes and Dutch, asking what they wanted. First request was for a pocket timedelay incendiary. Lovell feels NDRC produced well for OSS R&D. While there were feedback problems on the field performance of the devices there was enough flow of information to enable R&D to perform. Lovell resigned after VE Day, his wife had been stricken and he devoted all his time to her recovery. She is still living and in good health. (or or)

Recruiting technical people was considerable problem, Lovell said. Usually spotting was by word of mouth, e.g. "Here's a guy you should talk to, Stan" or "Where can I find a man who can do this". Military personnel records were scanned for skills and after satisfactory interview the individual requested by OSS.

While with OSS, Lovell says he wore two hats: he headedup R&D for Donovan and was NDRC liaison man with OBS, responsible to Vannever Bush; latter arrangement gave him authority to get action fr NDRC.

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OSS DOCUMENTATION - HOW IT STARTED -1942 Interview with Stanley P. Lovell in Boston, 21 June 66., SECRET

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Lovell's recollections on the beginning of documentation summarized as follows: Announcement by Buxton in OSS staff meeting, summer 1942, that an OSS agent sent into France and picked for lack of documents and subsequently executed motivated Lovell to do something about developing a documentation capability. As a chemist, his approach thru ability to make paper and inks. As a lawyer, Donovan reluctant to get into this work because of illegal aspects. Doering (Donovan's law partner), Lovell and Bowden, attorney for IPE, leading advocates. Donovan finally succombed to their persuasions when presented with Lovell's recommandations and OKed on 8 Dec 42. Reddick obtained fr Army to headup documentation shop. Thru Doering, who'd been a college roommate of Randolph Paul UnderSecTreas, Lovell gained entre to Morganthau who arranged for WhiteHapproval, Secret Service protection, and Bur Prints & Epngraving cooperation. Charlie Kelly, 60 year-old siderographer around whom the shop functioned, was recruited out from under nose of objecting American Bank Note Co in NY. Initial concept, setup shops in theaters; this reversed later in favor of establishing capability at Hq and then expanding. (Over) 25X1

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COI, SA/G, TECHNICAL DEVELOPMENT SECT 1941-42 Interview with Stanley P. Lovell in Boston, 21 June 66 SECRET

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Lovell's recollections of COI, SA/G, Tech Develomt Sectn summarized as follows: Lovell came to Washington in March 1942 to work under Vannever Bush in NDRC. He was liaison between NDRC and Goodfellow of SA/G. Goodfellow had been editor of Brooklyn Eagle and was without technical or weaponry background. Principal problem recalled was that of SA/G requirements which asked NDRC to develop unorthodox weapons without providing info of circumstances under which device would be used. Situation became so frustrating that Dr.s Adams and Connant finally called on Donovan saying, requirements must be more straightforward or NPRC could not undertgake SA/G work. Lovell's lasting recollection of Tech Dev Sectn: plenty of confusion and little or no development of unorthodox weapons. While it was the beginning of a concept, production did not start until OSS replaced COI.

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ABSTRACT NOTATION REFERENCES

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